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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HIGH PRECISION  
VARIABLE RATE MATERIAL, REMOVAL AND  
MODIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of allowed Application No. 09/054,834, filed April 3,  
1998, which claimed the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No.  
60/050,416, filed June 4, 1997, the disclosures of both are incorporated fully herein by  
reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-34, 39-47, 54, and claims 67-81.

Respectfully submitted,

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